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REMARKS

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed April 27, 2005 and is intended to place the application in condition for immediate allowance.

In the April 27, 2005 Office Action the Examiner confirmed the Restriction Requirement and issued a substantive action only on claims 1-9. It is understood that claims 10-12 are withdrawn as addressing only non-elected subject matter. Applicant will file one or more continuation applications on these inventions and has no intention of abandoning them at this time.

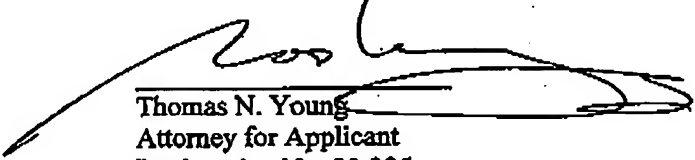
Claims 1-9 were rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite in view of the language "such as drink cup lids" in claim 1, line 2, and further because the phrase "the platen" in claim 6, line 1, lacked antecedent bases. Amendments addressing both of these informalities are made herewith and the claims are now believed to be in condition for allowance.

Claims 1-9 were also provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness type double patenting. In response thereto, Applicant hereby advises the Office that (a) this application and co-pending application, Serial No. 10/207,595 are commonly owned and (b) Applicant hereby disclaims the terminal part of any patent granted on this application which extends beyond the term of any patent granted on the co-pending application, Serial No. 10/207,595. A terminal disclaimer duly signed by Applicant's attorney is enclosed.

This is believed to place this application in condition for immediate allowance and notification of same is respectfully solicited.

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